

Every day we are getting closer to Orwell's society depicted in 1984.

My husband and I have been both upset and shocked at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the presidential election.

The public airwaves are being manipulated in a way that threatens the very freedom of our population. Sinclair utilized public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is horrifying that they are characterizing the Anti-Kerry documentary as "News". If they are allowed to force their stations to show this film, they should be forced to show a documentary supporting opposite views as well.

The FCC refused to respond to the masses of mail and email protesting the relaxation of media ownership rules last year, but you cannot continue to ignore the population forever. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please do not go down in history as one of the government agencies that allowed our democracy to slip away!

Thank you.

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